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Hon. Valerie E. Caproni
United States District Court
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

MEMO ENDORSED

**Re: United States v. Yasser Cruz
24-Cr-145 (VEC)**

Dear Judge Caproni:

I write to request that the Court grant a modification of Mr. Cruz's probation conditions to permit him to assist with his mother-in-law's medical needs as approved by Probation on a case-by-case basis. Neither the government nor Probation has any objection.

On February 24, Mr. Cruz was sentenced to five years' probation, with the first year to be spent on home confinement. Mr. Cruz's mother-in-law was recently diagnosed with a serious and potentially terminal medical condition. She is expected to need significant medical assistance going forward, including help attending medical appointments or receiving home care. Probation does not currently have the authority to approve requests for Mr. Cruz to assist his mother-in-law with her medical needs.

It is therefore requested that the Court modify Mr. Cruz's probation conditions to add the following condition: "Probation may approve, on a case-by-case basis, modifications of the defendant's terms of release to allow the defendant to assist his mother-in-law with her medical-related needs." Neither Probation nor the government has any objection.

Sincerely,

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Application GRANTED. Defendant's probation conditions are modified such that Probation may approve, on a case-by-case basis, modifications of Defendant's terms of probation to allow him to assist his mother-in-law with her medical-related needs.

SO ORDERED.

 8/1/2025

HON. VALERIE CAPRONI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE